

the invalid members, and engrossed and illuminated by the associates and members, the album being enveloped in a linen cover embroidered by the Irish members, congratulating The Queen upon Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

The President also presented from the Society, which represents more than a quarter of a million female subjects of all ranks and classes in England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, the Colonies, and the members of the United States of America affiliated by treaty, a purse containing £1,100 as a donation to the fund for Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses.

The Queen made a gracious reply, and was pleased to accept the donation to the fund.

Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Albany was present with Her Majesty.

THURSDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

The Queen held an Investiture to-day at Windsor.

Her Majesty, accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn and Princess Henry of Battenberg, proceeded to the White Drawing Room at a quarter before three o'clock.

The Queen was attended by The Duchess of Buccleuch, Mistress of the Robes, The Dowager Countess of Erroll, Lady in Waiting, The Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, G.C.V.O., Lord Steward, Lord Bagot, Lord in Waiting, Major The Hon. Charles Harbord, Groom in Waiting, Lieut.-Colonel Sir Simon Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O., 1st Life Guards, Silver Stick in Waiting, Colonel M. W. Willson, C.B., 1st Battalion Scots Guards, Field Officer in Brigade Waiting, Lieutenant H. M. Walker, Adjutant to the Silver Stick in Waiting, Lieutenant H. C. Lowther, Adjutant to the Field Officer in Brigade Waiting, Lieut.-Colonel The Right Hon. Sir Fleetwood I. Edwards, K.C.B., Keeper of Her Majesty's Privy Purse, Colonel Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, K.C.B., Master of the Household, Major-General Sir John McNeill, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., *H.C.*, and Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Davidson, M.V.O., Equerries in Waiting, The Hon. Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane, G.C.B., Comptroller in The Lord Chamberlain's Department, and Mr. C. G. Barrington, C.B., Gentleman Usher to the Order of the Bath, in the absence of Sir Albert Woods, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Garter King of Arms.

ORDER OF THE INDIAN EMPIRE.

Sir George Faudel Faudel-Phillips, Bart., late Lord Mayor of the City of London, was introduced into the presence of The Sovereign, attended by Mr. C. G. Barrington, C.B., Gentleman Usher to the Order of the Bath, carrying the Insignia, when The Queen conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood, and invested him with the Riband and Badge of a Knight Grand Commander of the Order (by placing the Riband over the right shoulder obliquely to the left side), and affixed to his left breast the Star of the Order.